

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Roger Mathison, who will be retiring from the Department of Health after 42 years of service; and,

Whereas, Roger graduated from The University of South Dakota in 1971 and began his career in June 1971 as a chemist for the state Department of Health Public Health Laboratory; and,

Whereas, Roger has examined alcohol and drug evidence collected by authorities in thousands of arrests during his four decades as a chemist. He has traveled the state and testified in many cases that went to trial; and,

Whereas, Roger's incredible work ethic, laboratory analysis, and expert testimony have resulted in untold criminal convictions and gained the gratitude of prosecutors across the state; and,

Whereas, On January 3, 2014, Roger plans to retire to spend more time with his wife, Pat, family, and their two dogs; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize this dedicated public servant on the occasion of his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 3, 2014, as

ROGER MATHISON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State